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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Zhang et al.)

Application No.: 09/493,545)

Filed: February 28, 2000)

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS)
FOR HEALING AND REPAIR OF)
ARTICULAR CARTILAGE)

Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: Hope A. Robinson

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Judi Williams

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated June 17, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 15, and 18, and amend claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, and 21 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for regeneration of articular cartilage comprising

administering to an area in need of regeneration of said articular cartilage an